

But the Food Bank's work didn't stop there—it continues to address root causes of hunger by providing education and resources to those experiencing food insecurity so they can lift themselves out of poverty and advocate for others. Its culinary program has successfully graduated more than 700 students since the program began in 2002, and its graduates can be found in some of the finest restaurants around the country.

I particularly want to highlight the work the Food Bank of Delaware and its 54 full- and part-time employees have done and continue to do since March 16, 2020, when they were called to respond to the overwhelming need brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time they facilitated 33 mass drive through food distribution events throughout Delaware serving 42,847 households, served 34,706 households through the Healthy Pantry Centers at its Newark and Milford locations, distributed 153,431 Farmers to Families Food Boxes, and provided 353,009 meals and snacks to homeless Delawareans housed throughout the State to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

On behalf of both, U.S. Senator CHRIS COONS and U.S. Representative LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER, I rise today to honor the Food Bank of Delaware, its employees, and volunteers for 40 years of continued dedication to the health and nourishment of the citizens of Delaware. We know your impact on the lives of so many has been great, and your goal of ending hunger is one we will continue to work together on until we can reach the goal of eradicating food insecurity for all in Delaware.●

TRIBUTE TO ALEC FRAZIER

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alexander Fuld Frazier, a remarkable constituent who tirelessly advocated for disability rights for himself and on behalf of others.

Alec emerged as a leader and powerful advocate for disability rights and inclusion early in life. When he was 13, he spoke before sessions of Colorado's House and Senate Education Committees about the importance of special education funding. Thanks to his efforts, Colorado ultimately lifted the cap on funds for special education through a State constitutional amendment. At an early age, Alec was successful in pushing for change that meaningfully improved the lives of others.

I first met Alec in 2017 through his advocacy on Capitol Hill. He shared firsthand how Medicaid made it possible for him to lead a complete, fulfilling life. Alec was diagnosed with autism at a young age, and some professionals suggested institutionalization as he grew up. With the help of Medicaid, he benefitted from many services including therapy and an emergency brain surgery that saved his life.

Through his advocacy, he stood up for the millions of people who would have been severely harmed by past legislative proposals to slash Medicaid.

Alec was a man of many talents and pursuits. He attained his bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree in disability studies. In 2014, he founded his own advocacy firm called Autistic Reality and served as a powerful peer advocate, mentor, and advisor to others. Alec also published two books, "Without Fear: The First Autistic Superhero" and "Veni! Vidi! Autism!," that shape how we think about the representation of people with autism and disabilities in the arts. Through his written and spoken words, Alec sought to deepen others' understanding and appreciation of the varied experiences of people living with autism and disabilities.

Alec believed in and exemplified the motto, "nothing about us without us." Any individual or group of people deserve to shape the decisions made about them. Alec shaped his own path and destiny, and he empowered others to do the same along the way.

I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our gratitude for Alec Frazier's life, as well as our condolences to his father Donald Frazier, his mother Danielle Fuld, and his brother Nicholas Fuld Frazier. May we carry on his work to build a more inclusive society where all Americans can thrive and reach their highest potential.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 937. A bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1868. An act to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

S. 963. A bill to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of

Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 116th Congress" (Rept. No. 117-4).

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 144. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-5).

S. 371. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-6).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 22. A resolution reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador and recognizing the restoration and advancement of economic relations, security, and development opportunities in both nations.

S. Res. 34. A resolution recognizing the 200th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 35. A resolution condemning the military coup that took place on February 1, 2021, in Burma and the Burmese military's detention of civilian leaders, calling for an immediate and unconditional release of all those detained and for those elected to serve in parliament to resume their duties without impediment, and for other purposes.

S. Res. 36. A resolution reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and recognizing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia.

S. Res. 37. A resolution expressing solidarity with the San Isidro Movement in Cuba, condemning escalated attacks against artistic freedoms in Cuba, and calling for the repeal of laws that violate freedom of expression and the immediate release of arbitrarily detained artists, journalists, and activists.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 44. A resolution denouncing the Maduro regime's fraudulent legislative elections, the absence of acceptable conditions to ensure free, fair, and transparent electoral processes in Venezuela, and the further erosion of Venezuelan democracy.

S. Res. 81. A resolution honoring Las Damas de Blanco, a women-led nonviolent movement in support of freedom and human rights in Cuba, and calling for the release of all political prisoners in Cuba.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 97. A resolution calling on the Government of Ethiopia, the Tigray People's Liberation Front, and other belligerents to

cease all hostilities, protect human rights, allow unfettered humanitarian access, and cooperate with independent investigations of credible atrocity allegations pertaining to the conflict in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 99. A resolution observing the 10th anniversary of the uprising in Syria.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 117. A resolution expressing support for the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, or the Belfast Agreement, and subsequent agreements and arrangements for implementation to support peace on the island of Ireland.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 120. A resolution recognizing the Ninth Summit of the Americas and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to a more prosperous, secure, and democratic Western Hemisphere.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 122. A resolution reaffirming the importance of United States alliances and partnerships.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 335. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 400. A bill to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the "William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

*Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

*Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 939. A bill to encourage the research and use of innovative materials and associated techniques in the construction and preservation of the domestic transportation and water infrastructure system, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 940. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a National Transit Frontline Workforce Training Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 941. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the transportation infrastructure finance and innovation (TIFIA) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KING, Mr. BENNET, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. REED, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 942. A bill to provide that the rule entitled "Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance" shall have no force or effect; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 943. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to close or realign the Marine Corps Recruit Depot located at Parris Island, South Carolina; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 944. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a program to expand access to broadband in unserved and underserved areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 945. A bill to provide temporary impact aid construction grants to eligible local educational agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 946. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify the treatment of certain bargain-price options to purchase at less than fair market value, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 947. A bill to provide standards for physical condition and management of housing receiving assistance payments under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 948. A bill to protect American small businesses, gig workers, and freelancers by repealing the burdensome American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 transactions reporting threshold; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. ERNST, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 949. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to foster efficient markets and increase competition and trans-

parency among packers that purchase livestock from producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BURR, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. ERNST, Ms. HASSAN, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 950. A bill to provide that Members of Congress may not receive pay after October 1 of any fiscal year in which Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 951. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to eligible organizations to provide service dogs to veterans with severe post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 952. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of service connection for certain diseases associated with exposure to toxins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 953. A bill to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 954. A bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 955. A bill to require the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Highway Administration to provide recommendations for reducing the number of very rural highway-rail grade crossing collisions, to authorize a public outreach and educational program to reduce such collisions, and to authorize grants to improve grade crossing safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 956. A bill to require adequate reporting of ethics, personal finance, and disclosure reports for justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 957. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs have physical locations for the disposal of controlled substances medications; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 958. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the allowable use criteria for new access points grants for community health centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. BARRASSO):